## FOREST VANDALISM UNDER INVESTIGATION

Commissioner Basselin, on the Rack Before the Assembly Committee, Squirms Badly.

HIS MEMORY DEFECTIVE

Face to Face with the Herald's Exposure of His Unfaithfulness to the State's Interests.

OUESTIONS THAT PROBED DEEP.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HEBALD.] ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 4, 1891 .- Prince Basselin, the Lumber Forest Commissioner, to-night took to the

woods. Lawyer Adams asked him searching questions as to the great Adirondacks conspiracy unearthed by the HEBALD and he answered :- "I don't just recollect just now."

It was the first attempt to officially probe the rotten commission that has betrayed the State, and the Assembly parlor was comfortably filled. The Henald exposure has excited great interest.

The members of the Investigating Committee feel that the eyes of the people are upon them and they have evidently determined to go to the bottom celin, Knevals and Cox-are evidently just as deermined to prevent the bottom from being reached. They got behind three lawyers-Fiero, of Kingston; Anable, of Johnstown, and Hessberg, of Albany. This array of counsel to protect Commissioners who pretend to fear nothing caused remark. SOUID-LIKE TACTICS TO BE DISALLOWED.

Chairman Ryan properly sat down upon the lawyers for the accused, showing that the committee does not propose to allow long legal discussions to befog the main issue. This is an investigationnot a trial. Lawver Adams, for the committee, showed this by his questions, which were very damaging to the commission, but entirely within the scope of the investigation.

The HERALD charges that the Forest Commission has never carried out the policy of the State since its organization in 1885; that it is a useless Board; that Basselin, one of the Commissioners, is a lumberman engaged in cutting down the woods he bas sworn to protect; that for three years the commission refused all offers to exchange State land under the Hadley act until Basselin got in a lumber company with Henry D. Patton, when they recommended a most outrageous grab of State land for a lot of worthless land; that the Board of Commissioners is inharmonicus; that Forest Warden Garmon has been guity of various offences that necessitate his immediate removal; and finally, that an investigation will show that a thoroughly rotten commission has fallen an easy prey to lumber conspirators, who, if the State wishes to save the North Woods, must be dislodged and the Commission reorganized.

Basselin's foom memony.

Commissioner Basselin, who looks like Police Justice Clary Meade, really could not remember the date of his appointment. He did not know the names of the commission's employes or their salaries. He was not positive as to things he said he did know. In fact, Basselin practically confessed that he knew nothing about the workings of the commission. Moreover, he stated that he celled member going into the woods was on a pleasure trip with Commander Enevals and his foresters or perform any State service.

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Lawyer Adams put on record the incorporation of the Everton Lumber Company in April, 1888, with Henry D. Patton as a trustee. He then proved that the Beaver River Company was incorporated with Henry D. Patton and Theodore B. Basselin as trustees. Basselin could not remember that any application for exchange for State lands had been refused by the commission, but been refused by the commission applications until after Basselin had hitched up with Patton, when the commission recommended an exchange with the Everton company.

Basselin tried to shift all the responsibility apon Warden Garmon, but be could not remember that again the dever been instructed as to his duties.

Lawver Adams showed Basselin's utter ignorance of the forest by causing him to admit that he had nover read that standard work. Verplank Collins' "Wirrey of the Adirontaleis." He thought that dury preserved the report, and that the paragraph in question was added on the statement of a man who was in a position to know that Sunday school superintendents and elders were addicted to the practice of drinking beer in salcons.

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"Survey of the Adirondacits," He thought that duty
belonged to the Warden. Basselin said he never
looked up the title to the State lands in the forest,
but supposed that a large part of it came from tax

sales.

Then Mr. Adams put this question:—"At the time you were appointed did you understand that the policy of the State was to acquire more land tax sales, and that it was your duty to carry out that

sales, and that it was your duty to carry out that policy?"

Basselin tried to dedge this question, and his counsel, Flero, made a fuss. Finally Basselin admitted that he knew it was the policy of the State to so acquire land in the forest preserves. Still, he did not know whether the State had acquired any more land since he became Commissioner or how much it now had. He did know, however, that he owned 166 shares in the Beaver River Lumber Company and that he owned from 17,000 to 25,000 acres adjoining John Brown's Tract. He said he had a contract to do the sawing for the Beaver River company, which has no lands, but which expects to get the logs of six townships in John Brown's Tract. McGraw, Patton and Basselin, he said, as individuals have a contract with the Adirondack and Mineral Company, of which Beaver River company, of which Basselin and Patton are trustees, with 10,000,000 feet of lumber the first year, 20,000,000 the second year and 25,000,000 feet thereafter until 75,000 acres are denuded.

This confession from a Forest Commissioner

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This confession from a Forest Commissioner produced a sensation. The ignorance of Basselin as to the whereabouts of Pation's other company, the Everton, was amusing. When it made its application for the State land—denied to John Hurd and others—Basselin "thought" the matter was referred to Garmon. Basselin said he knew nothing about the land Pation wanted and attached little inportance to it any way. This caused Lawyer Adams to remark, in astonishment "Do you mean to say that the commission left an exchange involving 30,000 acres entirely to a subordinate officer?" Basselin saw fit to admit this and added that he couldn't remember whether Garmon had made an oral or written report upon it. All that he knew was that Garmon had approved of the exchange.

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DAMAGING TESTIMONY.

Land Clerk Sanger then took the stand. He stated that the Forest Commission knew of and denied so many applications for exchange of land that a regular notice was sent to applicants that the Hadley law providing for such exchange was inoperative. He read a resolution of the Forest Commission, passed in 1887, denouncing that act and setting its face against any exchange. Then he read the recommendation of the commission approving the Everton Company application for the same land that had been denied to Hurd and others. Hurd had offered \$3 an acre. The appraisers for the Everton Company put a valuation on it of only \$1 82 an acre three years later. One of these appraisers was Floyd J. Hadley, the author of the bill, authorizing these exchanges, which he passed through the Legislature of 1887, of which he was a member. Sanger read the appraisers' report through, and it caused much merriment. Every little marshy spot on the State land which the map showed to be as a whole virgin forest was carefully noted. All of the Everton land, which the map showed had been cut over, was said to be full of babiling brooks, sunny slopes and glorious forest shade. While over 1,000 acres of the State lands were put down as worthless, because denuded, none of the Everton lands were reported as valueless.

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have been granted by the commission. Other
things regarding Mr. Basselin will appear later.
Lawyer Adams has got his probe well under
the cover of startling secrets. He will
proceed to-morrow night to lift it up a litile further. The fact brought out through
lasselin himself that he is one of the men who has
been tring up forest land by making large contracts for timber so that the State cannot exercise
the right of eminent domain and acquire the land
cheaply for a park is most damaging. It shows that
the commission contains one avowed enemy to the
park project which the law creating the commission contemplated.

A "LIVE" WIRE UPSETS A HORSE.

Mr. W. L. White, while driving in Main street, Yonkers, on Tuesday evening, was startled when ment. The animal had stepped on one of the wires of the Schuyler Electric Company

cut the wire. If it had not been for the light current which was turned on the horse would have been instantly killed, but he received only a slight shock. The wire is one of those which was broken by the storm ten days ago, and had been crossed by a telephone wire.

HOW A MOTHER STARVED.

BY NEIGHBORS.

A sad story of self denial, poverty and starvation was developed in Newark yesterday. On the floor in the basement of the house No. 232 Broome street lay the dead body of Mary Rosenberg, wife of Max Resemberg. The pinched and distorted features, the blood stained lips and the dress torn open at the neck, bore evidence of the woman's terrible struggle for life.

Her husband who had been summoned from Waterbury, Conn., on Tuesday and arrived early in the evening, found her delfrious. He pleaded with her to speak to him, but she did not give him a glance of recognition and gradually grew worse until midnight, when death ended her suffering. The couple were married in Zitones, Russia, about ten years ago, and came to America three years later. They lived for a time in Canada, Boston and Taunton, Mass., and finally located in Newark, where Mrs. Rosenberg has a brother, Joseph Greenberg.

The husband, who is of a roving disposition, went to Waterbury where he found work at his trade as a shoemaker. He sent his family money various times, but it was not sufficient to pay the zent and furnish the nocessaries of life for his wife and two children, Louis and Botty, aged respectively seven and five years.

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Mrs Rosenberg's brother did all he could for the family, which was not very much, as he is a poor man. with her to speak to bim, but she did not give him

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Mr. Rosenberg was notified last week by the postmaster of Waterbury that he had a letter for him upon which two cents was due for postage. The letter read as follows:—

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My DEAR HUSBAND:—I write to let you know I am in a very poer condition. I have nothing to eat and have had no fire fur three days, some days our children have nothing to eat till four o'clock in the atternoon.

I don't mind for myself, only for the children. Then I went to my brother, but he is in a very poor condition, too. He took his watch and pawned it for \$5 for us.

I can't expect more from him, because he is a poor man. He has not a wife and children, too.

My duar husband, I know very well if you had money you would send it to me.

From your dear wife.

MARY HOSENBERG.

From your dear wife,

#TANVED, BUT FED TO HER CHILDREN.

It appears that when food became scarce Mrs.
Rosenberg gave up her share to the children, and
kept her neighbors in ignorance of her condition.
The supply dwindled down to almost nothing last
week, but the children were provided with food by
charitable people living near by.

Mrs. Rosenberg became very ill on Saturday, and
her brother, after making an unsuccessful effort to
obtain admission for her to the German Hospital
or the City Hospital, applied to the Overseer of the
Poor. The answar was that there was no room for
her. By Monday the woman had sunk so low that
the idea of removing her could not be entertained.

The city will probably be called upon to bury the
body. It is said that Mr. Greenberg, who stood so
nobly by his dying sister, has lost his place in the
hat factory in which he worked, and that both
families are now practically destitute.

CHURCHMEN BATTLE OVER BEER PRESBYTERIAN ELDERS CHARGED WITH PATRON-

IZING SALOONS.

Presbyterian clergymen waxed warm over state ments made in a report to the Newark Presbytery sesterday concerning the liquor question with relation to church members.

At a former meeting of the Presbytery a committee was directed to investigate certain charges against the First German Presbyterian Church. It appeared, from the report of the committee read yesterday, that beer had been sold on an excursion given by the German church, against the wishes of the pas-

the German church, against the wishes of the pastor and the trustees, and that the young people were at fault. The latter part of the report censured the elders and Sunday school superintendents who were addicted to the practice of drinking beer in saloons, and declared that such conduct was not patriotic or pious.

Elder Hankin, of the High Street Church, moved that the last statement be stricken from the report. He said he did not know of an elder who was in the habit of drinking in saloons. The statement was a reflection on the elders in the Presbytery.

The Rev. Lewis Lampmann, pastor of the High Street Church, replied that he was a member of the committee that signed the report, and that the paragraph in question was added on the statement of a man who was in a position to know that Sunday school superintendents and elders were addicted to the practice of drinking beer in saloons.

The Rev. Dr. Hellifield, of the Third Church, said:—'I don't forget that it was once said in this Presbytery that elders of the Third Church were in the habit of drinking soda water in certain drug stores on Sunday. I went to every one of my elders and they all denied the charges. I am opposed to taking or parte testimony in so important a matter.'

The Rev. Dr. Ballantine objected to the words

Hamner, "then I am mistasen, and do not represent this Presbytery. I haven't made a single statement but that I will stand belvind. If you want the seport changed appoint a new committee, It seems we do not represent the feelings of the After considerable more discussion the report was referred back to the committee.

A BABY DROWNED IN HOT WATER.

Annie Brennan, a child eighteen months old. met with a shocking death at her home, No. 21 Dougherty street, Newark, on Tuesday afternoon The mother placed a butter firkin filled with hot water on the floor and left the room. When she returned five minutes later she found her little one lying head down in the firkin and dead.

It is supposed that the child while playing fell into the firkin, and as her weight was not sufficient to overturn it she was drowned.

AN UNDERTAKER'S OVERCHARGE.

Charges have been preferred against Under taker Brady in the Hudson County Undertakers' Association, of Jersey City. The engine of Fire Company No. 3 was run down and wrecked at the Barrow street crossing of the Pennsylvania Bailroad in Jersey City and Stoker Daniel Dinan was killed. Undertaker Brady's assistant took Dinan's the purchase of lots by the Brooklyn Board of Edu-

killed. Undertaker Brady's assistant took Dinan's body to his morgue.

The relatives engaged Undertaker Boylan to conduct the funeral. Brady refused to surrender the remains until he was paid \$25 for his services. The association allows \$10 for the services performed by Brady, but he asserts that the body was so badly mutilated that he was justified in charging a larger sum.

NEWS NOTES FROM ROUND ABOUT,

The employer of the Oxford fron and Nail Company, of Belvidere, N. J., will resume work, having agreed to ac-cept a reduction in wages of from ten to twenty five per cont.

Thomas Scanion, of Jersey City, whose refusal to marry unfortunate Annie Nagle was the cause of her suicide, was yesterday released from custody on \$500 bull.

The Mayor and city officials of Jerser City will to-day witness a million dollar blaze in the cremation of 1,323 bonds of \$1,000 each by the City Clerk. The bonds have all been cancelled. all been cancelled.
Judge Milin, of White Plains, yesterday morning adjourned the County Court and the Court of Sessions until to morrow out of respect to the memory of the late Justice James C. Travis.

Lone Smiss, the sventeen-year-old adopted daughter of Deputy County Clerk Moffest, of Plainfield, who dis-appeared from her home a month ago, has been found acting as a waitress at the Van Court Inn, at Resello. Joseph Dougherty, twenty-six years old, ounployed in the Saggeant Manufacturing Company's works in New-ark, had his arm tern from the socket yestorday while olling the machinery. It is thought that he will recover.

At the semi-sunual meeting of Assembly 16 of the Knights of Labor, of Carbondale, Pa., the report that there is to be a general strike of anthracite coal miners on May I for a reduction of working hours and increase in wages was denied.

The new woo story carpenter shop of Zoliff & Ten Eyek, of Belleville, N. J., was completely destroyed by fire yesterday morning. About fifty of the 125 men supplyed by the firm lost their tool chests. Loss \$10,000, fully covered by insurance. Some friends of Christian Sauer, of Union Hill, found him in a stupor at his home on Tuenday night. As they could not rouse him they coulded he was dead an asset for an undertaker, who was about to put Sauer on tee when he rowived and ovoro.

The milk producers of the five States supplying the metropolitan market met at Pert Jervis yesterday and organized a stock company for conducting their business. They are incorporated under the laws of New Jersey, with a capital of \$1,000,000.

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BROUKLYN TAXPAYERS MUST PAY THE BILL

SHE GAVE HER CHILDREN THE FOOD SUPPLIED Judge Dykman Has Vacated the Injunction in the Water Works Case and the Purchase May Be Consummated.

ZIEGLER'S LAWYER WILL APPEAL.

He Claims That the Case Is Not Now Properly Before the Court-The Corporation Counsel Ready for Trial.

An order vacating the injunction to restrain Mayor Chapin, the comptroller and the City Auditor of Brooklyn from consummating the contract for the purchase of the property of the Long Island Water Supply Company was granted yesterday by Justice Dykman, of the Supreme Court.

The vacation of the injunction order may not, owever, finally dispose of the action. Mr. Ziegler's counsel declares that he will appeal and Corporation Counsel Jenks, the chief law officer of the ty, stands ready, he says, to have the facts at

It is probable, though, that the city will in a few days carry out the contract to purchase for \$300 a share the stock of a company only recently quoted

William J. Gaynor, the lawyer for the millionnaire complainant, William Ziegler, was not represented in court when the case was called vesterday. When the case came up on Monday last a representative from Mr. Gaynor's office raised the point that they had until Friday, February 20, in which to plead.

Corporation Counsel Jenks, who was ready, consented that a motion be heard on Wednesday (yesterday) to fix a time for the trial. Mr. Jenks informed the Court yesterday that he was again ready, but that Mr. Gaynor had sent him a telegram from Albany declining to discuss the fixing of a day. He would agree to no day out of the regular order and claimed that the case was not before the Court at all, the issues not being noticed for trial. MR. JENES APPEAL.

A preliminary injunction had been granted, Mr. Jenks said, to restrain the officials from proceeding with the purchase of the property of a water corporation in the Twenty-sixth ward. The case as it stood, was affecting the business of the city, and fraud and corruption were imputed to three of the highest officials of the city. They were ready for trial. The object of the present action was for delay and he challenged the plaintiff to try the cause. He didn't believe that it was the intention

cause. He didn't believe that it was the intention to try it.

"If the defendant was ready on an amended complaint the trial ought to go on." said Justice Dykman. "The defendant often amends an answer on the eve of trial, but he is not permitted to put the cause off. The rule should be applied in the case with great severity. The plaintif charges public officers with improper conduct and he ought to be ready to substantiate the charge. The preliminary injunction ought not to stand. A law-yer can't say 'I won't appear' because he thinks the cause is irregularly on the calendar."

An order vacating the injunction was then granted.

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Lawyer Gaynor subsequently expressed his indignation. The case was not he said, before Justice Dykman at all. The injunction granted by Justice Bartlett on February 7 should continue even until the final decision of the Ceurt of Appeals. The earliest day the case could be noticed for trial was on March 2, the first day of the next tarm. Judge Dykman had no more power to vacate

"Judge Dykman had no more power to vacate the injunction than one of my maid servants had," said Lawyer Gaynor. "A judge has no more power over a case than any man in the street has unless it is before him in a legal way. I did not go before Judge Dykman because he had no business to touch the case. The other side had no right to be before him, and I had no right to be before him, and I had no right to be before him. No case can come into Court except on a notice of fourteen days to the opposite party, served after the issues have been duly joined, and they were joined in this case on January 30, that being the day on which defendants served their auswers. If a judge meddles with a case when it has not been legally brought under his jurisdiction he acts not as a judge but as a private person intermeddling with other peoples' business."

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Mayor Chapin, upon hearing the news, smiled, but when an expression of opinion was asked he remarked, "I will not be quoted."

The legal adviser of the defendant officials, Corporation Counsel Jenks, said he didn't feel prepared to talk about what course the city would take in view of the action of the Court,

"Would you advise the city officials to consummate the purchase of the property of the Water Supply Company before any other action is taken?"

"No: I have advised all the time that Mr. Gaynor should have every opportunity to have his case tried. The city is ready and has always been ready to have the facts of issue tried."

When questioned further as to the practice usual in such cases, with reference to trial before a jury, he said in courts of equity the practice is to try the facts at issue before a judge. Mr. Gaynor has no vested right to a trial by jury.

Comptroller Jackson said he was not sufficiently acquainted with the nature of the Judge's decision to express an opinion, and he did not ease to talk about the matter.

Thomas B. Rutan, ex-City Auditor, whose official term expired January I, said the city was honorably bound to consummate the purchase of the property.

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property.

"I shall go on with the case to the highest court in the State, as I am only concerned in the performance of my duty," was the expressed determination of Mr. Ziegier's lawyer, who may appeal from the order vacating the injunction. A LITTLE REAL ESTATE DEAL

THE PURCHASE OF A SCHOOL SITE IN BROOKLYN CREATES SOME COMMENT.

There is some criticism in Brooklyn regarding cation for \$16,000 on Herkimer street and Radde

The owners were understood to be E. D. Bene dict and Dennis Short, but the deeds, when turned over to the Board, were in the name of J. J. Red-

over to the Board, were in the name of J. J. Red-mond and William Boekel. That fact led to the suspicion of a "deal."

A member of the Board of Education in speaking of the matter said yesterday that Chairman James Weir, of the Committee on Sites, had been ap-proached by ex-Assemblyman Bouedict, who had offered the property in behalf of himself and the owners for \$20,000. The price was reduced finally to \$15,000, at which figure it was recommended to the Board and hought.

to \$16,000, at which figure it was recommended to the Board and bought.

The impression given in the difference of the names on the deeds was suggestive of a deal with the owners, by which the latter received \$12,700 and the "agents" \$3,300.

Mr. Boncdict said he offered the property to Mr. Weir and he was not informed that the Board would buy the property and there was no "deal" whatsoever in the transaction.

THE HECLA WORKS FIRE The fire which destroyed the Hecla Iron Works, n Brooklyn, was not extinguished until yesterday afternoon. Only a tall chimney is left standing of

afternoon. Only a tall chimney is left standing of the once big structure. Messrs, Pauloen & Eger, the owners of the works, were unable to state yeaterday what their loss would be, but they believed it would reach less than \$200,000.

The other losses by fire which were caused by the sparks from the iron works conflagration are given as follows:—Tuttle & Bailey Mannfacturing Company, \$5,000; S. E. & M. Vernon, \$700; J. S. Nugant & Co., \$1,000; Eureka Incandescent Electric Light Company, \$500; Brennan & Colligan, \$2,000; Davis & Co., \$1,500.

SAVED FROM STUCIDE Christopher R. Wesner was removed to his home. No. 87 Cambridge place, Brooklyn, from the City Hospital yesterday. The police believe he was saved from suicide by an epileptic fit.

Three boys, Robert Donaldson, of No. 475 Dean streat; George McKee, of No. 121 Fifth avenue, and

street; George McKee, of No. 121 Fifth avenue, and Augustus Pinckney. of No. 470 Dean street, were standing at the corner of Flatbush avenue and Dean street Monday evening, when a man who seemed to be in an excited and nervous state approached them and said—

"Go up to the apartments of a family named Wesner, on the second floor of No. 199 Flatbush avenue, and tell them their nephew, Christopher, is lying dead in Prospect Park.

Mrs. Charles R. Wesner was found by the boys at the address given them and she notified the police. The boys then went to the park, and while crossing the plassa found the man who had accested them lying, apparently lifeless, on the pavement. The patrol wagon was summoned, and Ambulance Surgeon Buck, of the City Hospital, said the man was suffering from a severe attack of epilepsy. Mrs. Wesner identified him as her nephew. He was taken to the hospital.

In his coat pocket was found a large perknife, and the police are sure that he would have com-

mitted suicide if he had not been stricken with the fit on his way to the park. He has been sub-ject to epileptic attacks for some years.

FLAMES IN CROWDED TENEMENTS. SOME OF THE OCCUPANTS HAD A NABROW ESCAPS FROM SUFFOCATION. Five families were made homeless and two

women narrowly escaped death from sufficiation by the burning of two of the row of double frame tenement dwellings on North Tenth street, near Berry street, Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon. The fire was caused by a spark from the Heela Iron Works fire, which settled under the tin roof of the dwelling No. 121 North Tenth street.

Policeman James McKie was keeping the crowd back from the Hecla works fire when he saw fire on the fourth floor of the North Tenth street house.

on the fourth floor of the North Tenth street house. He ran into the house, and whon he got to the third story he was checked by the smoke. He continued up the stairs and walked into the apartments of John Ertley.

The rear rooms were in a blaze, and while trying to get to the front window to call the fremen, who were still playing streams of water on the iron work ruins, he saw Mrs. Ertley lying senseless on a lounge. The policeman picked her up and made his way through the dense smoke into the hall and down the stairs.

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While passing through the hallway on the third floor he heard moans in apartments occupied by William Overton. He hurried to the street and loft Mrs. Errley laying on the sidewalk, and ran into the house again, followed by Policeman McSorley.

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They went to Overton's reem and found Mrs. Overton undeavoring to make her way to a front window. She had been ill for a long time and the smoke was gradually sufficeating her. The policemen procured blankets, and, wrapping them around her, Policeman McKie carried her almost lifeless form to the street, while Policeman McKie carried her almost lifeless form to the street, while Policeman McKie carried her almost lifeless form to the street, while Policeman McKie the Policeman McKie carried her almost lifeless form to the street, while Policeman McKie the Policeman McKie carried her almost lifeless form to the street, while Policeman McKie the Policeman McKie carried her almost lifeless form to the street, while Policeman McKie carried her almost lifeless form to the street, while Policeman McKie carried her almost lifeless form to the blazing tenements was so great that the firemen were not successful in stopping the spread of the fire, and the tenement adjoining was soon in a blaze, but the fire was finally got under control.

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When an examination was made of the dwelling in which the fire was first discovered, a Newfoundland and a built dog were found aimost frozen to death in a room on the second floor. They were coated with ice. The dogs were the property of a former tenant, and a mischievous boy locked them in the room yesterday morning. The dogs received their coating of ice by the large quantity of water poured into the house by the firemen, which froze men them.

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Christian Jacobs occupied the lower floor as a grocery, and he placed his loss at \$2,000. Overton's loss \$500, Ertley's loss \$500, and the house, which was owned by John H. Nugent, was damaged \$3,000. Henry Blank occupied the fourth floor of No. 123 North Tenth street, and he will lose on furniture \$200. The second floor was occupied by William Kelly, whose loss was \$200.

While the firemen were searching through the rooms in Mrs. Ertley's spartments they found two thieves who were ransacking a bureau drawer. The men field to the roof, with the firemen in pursuit. In the fourth house of the row they disappeared through a skylight and were not seen again. When Ertley went to his rooms he found that the thieves had stolen a pocketbook that contained \$4.90, all the money he had in the world.

INCENDIARY WORK IN BROOKLYN. A man ran out of the three story brick building, used for manufacturing purposes, at No. 85 Waliabout street, Brooklyn, early yesterday morning, and Policeman McLoughlin, of the Clymer street station, started in pursuit. As he passed the building from which the man emerged he saw the lower floor was ablaze. The stranger turned into Bedford avenue and

disappeared in one of the unlighted and dark at ests that begin on that thoroughfare, and the porceman abandoned the chase and sent out the ponceman abandoned the chase and sent out the fire alarm. When the firemen reached the spot the interior of the building was in flames. After an hour's work

the fire was put out.

An examination as to the origin of the fire pointed to incendiarism. The second floor was occupied by Theodore Suthoff as a toy factory and the thrd floor by John Calhoun, a dealer in bamboo goods. They placed their loss at \$1,000 each. The building was owned by David H. Brown, whose loss is \$500.

ALL AROUND BROOKLYN

Dennis Mountain, an ex-policeman of Boston, who has been living two years in Brooklyn, was arrested yester day on an order from a Boston court, which charged bir with having received stolan goods. He will be taken to Boston for trial.

May Jankson, a colored girl, twenty years old, employed as a servant by Mrs. Chapmau, No. 28 St. Mark's avenue. took a dose of oxalic acid in a glass of water last evening. She told Ambulance Surgeon Napler that she had mistaken the acid for saits. She was taken to St. Mary's Hospital.

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The will of the late Andrew McClennen was admitted to probate by Surrogate Abbott yestarday. By the terms of the will the widow receives an annuity of \$3.000 a year and the use of the bouse in which she lives, on Schernerhorn arrest. The balance of the estate, placed at \$500,000, is left to Lawyor W. J. Gaynor in trust for the children of the testator. The Rev. I. C. Barnhart, of the Williams Avenue Meth-oulist Episcopal Church, and the Rev. Frank Frech, of the German Presbyterian Church, will call on Police, Commissioner Hayden and request him to order Captain French, of the Bradford street station, to prevent dances and entertainments on Sundays in the new ward. A local singing society proposes to hold a carnival meat-ing on Sunday, February 15, and this, it is said, has caused the protest.

The February Grand Jury was aworn in by Judge Bene-

T. Allaire.

A man called at the house of the Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, No. 170 South Oxford street, Brooklyn, and banded
the servant girl a note for the minister. She left him
atsanding in the hall and on her return the man
and a picture, valued at \$25, were missing. Dr.
Cuyler communicated with the Borgen street police
and Detectives Reynolds and Graham arrested Frank
Trumbull in the Good Samarian Lodging House two
hours later. He admitted the theft, and told the defectives where the picture could be found. Trumbull is an
old offender, his picture being No. 302 in the Rogues'
Gallery.

AN EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION.

MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK MAST CONFERENCE HELD A SESSION IN FLUSHING.

The Convention of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church, in the New York East Confer ence, was held yesterday in Flushing, L. L. The Rev. Harry E. Burnes, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Flushing, presided at the opening session and delivered the address of welcome. This was responded to by the Rev. W. A.

"The Epworth League at Work" was the general topic of discussion. Each speaker was limited to five minutes. The speakers and their subjects

were as follows:

"Christian Work," H. E. Williams, Tabernacle,
Brooklyn; "Mercy and Help," Professor Russell,
of the Nostrand Avenue Church, Brooklyn; "Literary Work," T. L. Brown, Bushwick Avenue
Church, Brooklyn; "Entertainments," William B.

crary Work," T. L. Brown, Bushwick Avenue Church, Brooklyn; "Entertainments," William B. Codling, of Northport; "Correspondence," Charles H. Howell, of Riverhead; "Finance," Samuel McDougall, of Janes Church, Brooklyn. A genoral discussion of each topic followed.

A "social hour" at five o'clock was followed by a collation given by the Flushing Epworth League, at which all the delegates were entertained.

In the evening the Epworth vesper service was conducted by Rev. C. C. Lasby, pastor of the Sumner Avenue Church, of Brooklyn. Mr. Lasby was formerly the pastor of the Flushing Mathodist Episcopal Church, and has many friends there. Then there was an address on "Loyalty" by the Rev. Jesse Hurbert, D. D., the corresponding scorotary of the Epworth League, and the Rev. D. A. Jordan, president of the Brooklyn district, concluded the session with an address on "Spirituality."

JERSEY CITY NUISANCES.

The Hudson County Board of Health will endeavor to secure the indictment of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, because the Board of Street and Water Commissioners persist in maintaining a nuisance.

Several months ago the Board of Health received a petition from a number of property owners on St. Paul's avenue, asking that a sewer be built, as the street was in a deplorable condition and a nuisance. The Board of Health requested the Board of Street and Water Commissioners to order the improvement. The City Board has ignored the authority of the County Board of Health and at its meeting yesterday the latter decided to appeal to the Grand Jury.

The Board of Health also declared that Public School No. 10, on Pearce avenue is a nuisance, and directed the Jersey City Board of Education to abate the nuisance forthwith.

The avenue is six feet below grade and the foundation of the school rests in a basin. Many complaints have been made and diphtheria prevails in the vicinity. The flooring is only eighteen inches from the ground and as there is no ventilation between the two the school building is constantly damp. Several months ago the Board of Health received

damp.

The Board of Health also ordered yesterday that the sewers closed by the Lehigh Valley and the New Jersey Railroad companies should be reopened by the companies.

RAID ON MR. DARWIN'S STABLE.

Some one visited the stable of Mr. A. G. Darwin. at Glen Ridge, N. J., on Monday night and cut off the talls of two handsome carriage horses.

Mr. Darwin notified the police of the various surgounding places to institute an active search for the miscreants. A pair of shears had been used for the work and the talls of the animals were out off short.

TWO YOUNG WOMEN SET UPON BY RUFFIANS.

Strangled, Knocked down and Robbed in the Heart of the City at an Early Hour in the Evening.

ONE OF THE VICTIMS VERY ILL.

Although the Crime Was Committed at the Foot of an Elevated Railroad Station the Highwaymen Made Good Their Escape.

Miss Nettie Becket, an eighteeu-year-old girl, who

lives with her parents at No. 509 Eighth avenue,

was the victim of an atroclous assault last night

Lizzie Rucket, who Her companion, Miss lives at No. 260 West Ninetcenth street, was also roughly handled, but escaped without serious injury. Miss Becket was robbed of \$5, which she carried in her pocket book, and was so affected by shock that she was thrown into hysterical con vulsions. The assault was perpetrated by four ruffians, at the corner of Fifty-eighth street and Sixth avenue, directly under the elevated railroad station, about half past six o'clock. The spot is poorly

and very few people are at that hour. moved to a drug store near by and afterward taken to St. Luke's Hospital in an unconscious condition. She suffered a succession of hysterical fits for over an hour, despite the efforts of the physicians. Her condition is considered critical and there is a possibility that she may not recover. Who her assailants were is unknown, as they dis-

appeared in Central Park before the men who were attracted by the girl's screams could reach the spot. All four were well dressed and were apparently well acquainted with the neighbor-

apparently well acquainted with the neighborhood. The police are looking for them, but up to a late hour last night no arrest had been made, although Miss Becket was able to furnish an accurate description of one of them.

ETRANGLED FROM MEHIND.

Miss Becket and Miss Rucket are employed in Wilhern's photograph studio, Madison avanue and Fifty-ninth street. Usually when through with their work they pass down Madison avenue to Fifty-eighth street, thence eastward to Sixth avenue and take a train down town. Last night they followed the neual route. When half a block from the station they saw a train about ready to start and ran to eatch it.

Standing on the corner were the four men who

catch it.

Standing on the corner were the four men who appeared to be engaged in a fight among themselves. Miss Bucket was slightly in advance of her companion, and when she got to within a few feet of the men one of them sprang forward and seized her around the waist. She screamed and struggled to free herself. Another of the gang turned to Miss Becket as she came up and seized her by the throat. He threw her roughly against the fence on the corner and knocked her pocketbook out of her hand.

A COMMDLY RUFFIAN.

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A COWARDLY RUFFLAN.

The force with which she struck the fence caused her to fall on the pavement. She staggored to her feet and the ruffian caught her a second time.

Miss Rusket had in the meantime released herself and ran up the elevated raifroad stajrs for help. Miss Becket saw her go and fell in a hysterical fit. At that moment a train came in, and as the passenger's came down they were met by Miss Rusket, who related what had happened.

Half a dozen men ran down stairs, but reached the spot too late. They just saw the men disappear around the corner of Fifty-ninth streat.

Miss Becket was found unconscious on the sidewalk, with the contents of her pocket scattered on the pavement around her.

"We thought she was dead," said Policeman Thomas Byrnes, who ran up from Fifty-sixth street when he heard the girl's screams. "She looked so pale, stretched out on the sidewalk."

An Ambulance subgicon's suppiness.

The ambulance that was summened from Roosevelt Hospital arrived in a few moments, and, if the statements of eye witnessee can be relied upon, the ambulance surgeen should have been arrested for his brutality. In the first place he intimated that Miss Becket was under the influence of liquor, and then said that she "was all right and would recover in good time."

He refused to take her in the ambulance, and after saturating a cloth with ammonia he applied it to the girl's neatrils.

The fumes nearly suffocated her. Then the "surgeon" raised her to her feet, and while holding her with one hand slapped her face with the other. When he released hiss Bocket she fell in a heap on the floor. He left her there and drove away.

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Policeman Byrnes then hired a coupe and conveyed the young woman to St. Luke's Hospital, where the physicians pronounced her to be in a critical condition.

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They were compelled to work with her over an hour. She lost consciousness several times after being placed on a cot.

"There were no marks or bruises," said the house surgeon. "on her neck, but she was suffering from nervous shock.

"There was a bruise on her head where it street. There was a bruise on her head where it atruck pavement. She is apparently suffering from steria." hysteria."

Mise Rucket was badly scared. She related the above facts when I saw her at her home, No. 250 West 195th street, last night.

Mise Beelest is a handsome brunette and an artist by profession. She is delicate, however, and has been a sufferer from hysteria for a number of

FAILURE OF AN OLD FIRM. BABNUM & CO., THE CLOTHIERS, FORCED TO

CLOSE THEIR STORE. Barnum's clothing store, at Nos. 196 to 200 Chatham square, one of the landmarks of the city, was closed vesterday, after a business career of fortysix years. The business was carried on by Stephen C. Barnum and George Crosby under the firm name of S. C. Barnum & Co. They made a general assignment yesterday to Thomas S. Fitch, giving preference to William K. Hinman for \$6,000 and to the Oriental Bank for \$12,500, all for money loaned

on the firm's notes. Mr. Fitch said yesterday that he did not think the liabilities would amount to \$75,000. The assignment was the result or dull trade, depreciation, poor collections, hard times and general depression in business. The trade in fine clothes had decreased greatly in that locality during the last three years. It had sone to other places, and what was left was so cut up that there was nothing in it. He thought the creditors would eventually be paid in full. The assets were mainly in stock.

The assignment was made suddenly, as they were pressed for money, and they thought that was the best thing to do under the circumstances. Mr. Crosby, of the firm, said he did not care to say anything about the liabilities or assets, but he hoped the firm would come out all right.

S. C. Harnum formerly owned the store property on Chatham square, valued at over \$100,000, but has transferred it to his wife, the deed being recorded on Tuesday, at which time he also transferred property on Sherman avenue to his wife.

The house is one of the oldest in the trade, was formerly very successful, especially during the war, and was reported to have made a great deal of money, but in the last few years the trade in that locality has entirely changed. The business was established in 1845 by P. C. Barnum and Joshua Barnum, under the firm name of P. C. Barnum & Co. They continued together until about thirteen years ago, when P. C. Barnum retired. He was then said to be the largest land owner on Long island, except the late A. T. Stewart. The old firm name was changed to Joshua Barnum died in March, 1880, on Joshua Barnum died in March, 1880, on January 1, 1885, Mr. Croeby was admitted as a partner, and the name was changed to S. C. Barnum & Co. Three years ago Mr. Barnum died in March, 1880, on January 1, 1885, Mr. Croeby was admitted as a partner, and the name was changed to S. C. Barnum deed in March, 1880, on January 1, 1885, Mr. Croeby was admitted as a partner, and the name was changed to S. C. Barnum deed in bearing the last year, some of Mr. Fitch said yesterday that he did not think the liabilities would amount to \$75,000. The an-

settled some time ago MURDERERS AWAITING TRIAL.

Judge Brady, of the Supreme Court, opened the Court of Oyer and Terminer yesterday, and after assigning dates for the trial of enough cases to occupy the attention of the court for fully a month adjourned until Monday next, when the trials will

The calcudar was made up of nine murder cases,

three under indictment for manslaughter, three

for arson, one for forgery and one for Hbel. Among the cases of murder was that of Albuouse J. Ste-phani, who is under indictment for the killing of Lawyer Reynolds. William F. Howe and Daniel Dougherty are his counsel. Owing to the absence Lawyer Reynolds. William F. Howe and Daniel Dougherty are his counsel. Owing to the absence of the latter from the city the trial was put over to the first Monday of March.

Cornelius Curtin, whose brother was recently convicted of murder in the the accound degree and sentenced to a life imprisonment for stabbing a the givet.

man to death, is willing to plead to manslaughter. He participated in the crime, but there is not sufficient evidence to convict him of murder. His plea will probably be accepted, and under it he may be sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment.

The trial of John M. D. Fansbaw, indicted for arson, was set down for February 16.

Horace F. Burroughs, under indictment for forgery, cannot be tried for two weeks. He is reported to be very sick, and is now out on ball at Hot Springs, Ark. One of his counsel, W. Bourke Cockran, is in Europe.

The trial of Jacob Raser will begin on Monday. Several months ago he struck a boy on the head with a rolling pin and death followed.

BARGAINS IN REAL ESTATE.

PROPERTY ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE PARK SOLD UNDER THE HAMMER.

It appears that the great and growing west side of the Park does not take all of the plums in the real estate market. Before the business on the Real Estate Exchange opened yesterday, I was informed that Daniel Hennessey had sold a beautiful restdence at the northwest corner of Madison avenue and East Seventy-first street at private contract for \$100,000 to J. J. Mahoney. The Hennesseys built this house on a lot of 25x100. The price, realized from a gentleman who is closely allied to the best experts in the market, shows that their judgment was not at all at fault.

When the business in the auction market began esterday a number of capitalists congregated in front of the stand of Auctioneers Smyth and Ryan. They had in charge the sale nuder decree of fore-closure of No. 5 hast Seventy-second street, a five story dwelling, one hundred feet west of Madison avenue, on lot 20x102.2. The house cost \$90,000 and there was a mortgage of \$50,000 on it which had to be satisfied. Mr. Myer Finn, a well known capitalist, bought the house yesterday for his own occupancy at \$60,000. He was congratulated by a number of friends as to the acquisition of a grand residence at a great bargain. This house adjoins the well known residence of Louis C. Tiffany, at the corner of Madison avenue and Seventy-second street.

Auctioneer John F. B. Smyth sold three private houses, all three story dwellings, known as Nos. 224, 234 and 240 West 123d street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, at \$11,100, each to William H. Paine. front of the stand of Auctioneers Smyth and Ryan.

Paine.

No. 218 West Thirty-seventh street, a four story featory building on lot 26x109, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, was disposed of by Auctioneer Harnatt at \$22,000 to H. W. Fessenden.
Under decrees of foreclosure the following sales were held yesterday:

By John T. Boyd-Nos. 220, 222 and 224 East Ninety-eighth street, three five story tenements (unfinished), on plot 75x100, to Samuel Gogtz for \$29.500

223,500.

By William Kennelly—No. 247 West 134th street, a three story dwelling on lot 15x30.11, east of Eighth avenue, to Mathew Murray at \$10,500.

Av. C. w. s., 45.10 ft. n. of 13th st., 22.10xiiS; same Anthony av., w. s., 645-2 ft. n. of Southern Bouleward, 25xe/.5; John C. Sanders and another to Nicholas Eckert. 42d st. n. s. 30ki 8 ft. o. of 2d av., 16.8x100.3; Chas. H. Heimberg and wife to Daniel Vossior, Jr. Codar st. s. s. 120 ft. w. of Tinton av., 50x100; Annie M. Cudlippe to P. A. Moore. 119th at., s., 178 ft. o. of Pleasant av., 20x100.10; Horman Wronkow to James Rowley 20th st. s. s., 162,6 ft., w. of 4th av., 20,10xi85 p. John K. Van Rensselaer to Mary K. Van Rensselaer 2.000

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E. Yout to varoline Yest
Stin st., s., 2569 ft. c. of 9th av., 18,3x102.2;
Wm. L. Mitchell to Nettie L. Mitchell.
74th st., 33 West, Patrick Farley to Minnie Hayvan
44,500 an Hammel.
rdlandt av. s. w. cor. 154th st., 25x100; Marie
Voss to Johanna Zumbuchl.
rtlandt av., w. s., 75 ft. n. of 156th st., 25x
0.4; John A. Vormbaum and wife to Henry
ohmann. 30,000 Hohmann. ivington st., s. s., 125 ft. e. of Willett st., 20x 70: Herman Vogt and wife to David Roths is st., n. s., 575 ft. w. of Lenox av., 87.9x111.1 4.2x—; A. H. Vanderpoel, referee, to Milton parins. Marks. Marks. ft. e. of 10th av., 16,8x100.5; 30,000 50th st. n. s. 481.8 ft. s. of 10th av. 19.8x100.5; Charles Schneider to Henry (f. Foster 126th st. s. c. 180 ft. w. of 4th av. 20x49.11; William Eisenberg and wife to Thereas Abraham. Tartat, m. s. 20.11 ft. s. of 3d av. 20.11x102.2; Alfred Abraham to Thereas Abraham. Louist av. s. s. s. 10th 118, 120, man Fairmount.

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Decker, David H., and wife, to the Bank for Savjugs, n. e. corner Whitshall and Front sts. \$20,000 Riem. Benedict A., and wife, to Jacques Bach, s. \$39th st., w of 9th av.; 5 years. \$20,000 Same to Jonas Well and another, same property; 5,000. demand demand anson, Sinciair, and wife, to Charles H. Russell, Jr., et al., Trustees, &c., u. s. 99th st., w. of 8th av.; 5 years: 2 mortgages.

ame to William Hall & Sons, n. s. 99th st., w. of 3,000 to william Hall & Sons, h. s. 50th st., w. of law, I year sheld. William, et al., to James Lowerra, ecutor, &c., w. s. 5th av. s. of 110th st. 9 executor, &c., w. s. 5th av., s. of 116th st.; 3 years same to George Sliver and another, executors, &c., w. s. 5th av., s. of 116th st.; 5 years Robtscher, Frederick to Honedict Joseph, n. s. 64th st., c. of Lexington av.; 4 years vans, Lewis N., and wife, to William F. Vanse, 27 and 29 Depeyster st.; 2 years. 16,000

REAL ESTATE MEN REJOICE

THEY CONGRATULATE THE LEGISLATURE ON THE

BAPID TRANSIT ACT. After business hours yesterday the Rapid Transit Committee of the Real Estate Exchange met in the Board room. Ex-President George Hobart Scott, who presided, vacated his chair temporarily and moved the adoption of the following resolution: who presided, vacated his chair temporarily and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the importance of rapid transit to the devalopment and welfare of the city of New York has been frequently ured by the Exchange upon both branches of the State Legislature, and whereas this Exchange has been may wish have been proposed for the culticond the question; and whereas this Exchange fails received the question; and whereas this Exchange has been as which have been proposed for the culticond the question; and whereas the Exchange faily receives the difficulties which the Legislature has had to contend with in passing a measure which should place the selection of the most suitable method in the hands of an impartial commission; and whereas in the judgment of this Exchange as well as the property owners of the Exchange, as well as the property owners of the city of New York, the Real Estate Exchange herby tenders to the Governor, the Schate and the Assembly their cordial congratulations on the successful and rapid accomplishment of this most difficult task fully recognizing the fact that but for the concurrence of both branches of the Legislature and the executive department this result, and important to the city of New York, would not have been attained.

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been strained.

In his speech ex-President Scott said the resolutions expressed the views of all of those owners and taxpayers interested in the development of New York.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted, and it was ordered that engressed copies should be sent to Governor Hill, to Speaker Sheehan and Lieutenant Governor Jones.

RAN AWAY AND WERE MARRIED.

Calvin Abrams, a young telegraph operator, was until recently employed by the Long Island Railroad Company at Pearsalls, where he became acquainted with a winsome maiden of sixteen, named

road Company at Pearsalis, where he became acquainted with a winsome maiden of sixteen, named Mamie Johnson. The acquaintance between the two soon ripened into a warmer feeling.
Miss Johnson is the adopted daughter of Mr. Isaac Bayliss, who lives near the railway station in the village.
The couple were seen to board a train, and it was immediately rumored around that they had eloped. The young man had previously sent a note to his home, requesting that his lunch be sent to Baidwins. About the time the note reached the house the party who thought he had scented an elopement reached there also. In their anxiety and excitement the boy's parents in reading the note misunderstood the word "lunch" for "trunk," which confirmed their suspicions that the couple had eloped. The young couple returned home last night, and the boy denied that there had been any elopement. An investigation, however, showed that the boy's and girl's marriage had really taken place and that the cremony had been performed by the Rev. Mr. Buchanan, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Oceanville, whose suspicions had been aroused at the youthful appearance of the couple. On being questioned they claimed, however, that they were of age.

The villagers are congratulating the boy husband and his girl wife, but the affair has seemingly created a wide breach between the two families.

CHARITY FROM HERALD READERS.

Generous readers of the HERALD sent \$13 more vesterday for the once wealthy Southern family now in distress in this city, making \$288 50 already contributed. The contributions yesterday were:-From a gentleman in Savannah, Ga. \$5: H. H. \$5: Little Willie and Clarence, \$1; "In His Name," \$1; A. M. H. M., \$1. From "In His Name" also came \$1 for poor Peter Planz.

Emily T. Parker sent \$5 for Mary Clifford, who attampted to commit suicide and was sent to a hos-pital. "I hope it will do her some little good." says